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Spencer Coffman, 15, completed a buckthorn removal project at Kensington Runestone Park to achieve his Eagle Scout rank. His mother, Marie Coffman (left), was one of several volunteers who assisted him with the project.

## Coffman completes Scout project at Kensington Runestone Park

Spencer Coffman of Farwell completed a buckthorn removal project on November 17 at Kensington Runestone Park, located 14 miles west of Alexandria.

Coffman, 15, the son of John and Marie Coffman, is a homeschool student and a member of the Lakes District Northern Lights Council Troop #420. He organized and completed the project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Buckthorn, which is classified as a highly invasive weed, appears to be a tree, but chokes out nearby plants and trees that are essential for abundant wildlife. It grows rapidly and restricts other plants from growing.

Through the project, Coffman organized a team of volunteers who removed buckthorn in a ~~quarter-mile section of the park.~~ 1/4